Patient rush in AIIMS

†855. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact a that on an average, nearly ten thousand patients get registered for treatment daily at AIIMS, New Delhi thus building up pressures on the Institute day by day;

(b) whether it is also a fact that intellectual level and service capacity of the Institute is on the decline with each passing day and the availability of required latest equipment and plants is not adequate comparable to world standards; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes Sir. The All India Institute of Medical Sciences has informed that approx. 8-10 thousand patients visit AIIMS OPD & emergency services everyday to seek consultation and treatment. As such the patient load on AIIMS is far more than its optimum handling capacity. However all efforts are made to ensure proper evaluation and adequate treatment to the maximum number of patients in AIIMS.

(b) and (c) No Sir, The AIIMS faculty and residents are the best compared to any medical Institute or any other hospital. Further, AIIMS has been selected as a collaborating Centre of World Health Organization (WHO) in ophthalmology & Paediatrics among others. All latest modern equipment are available in AIIMS hospital and all the Intensive Care Units (ICUs) and High Dependency Units (HDU's) in various departments. Inpatient wards are fully equipped with latest technology in intensive care, monitoring and treatment of seriously ill patients admitted and there is no lack of latest equipment at Dr. R.P. Centre. Also there is no decline in intellectual level and service.

Hospital involved in kidney rackets

856. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of hospitals have been found involved in illegal kidney transplant racket during last one year;

(b) if so, the details of such private, Government-aided and Government hospitals;

(c) the number of doctors and middlemen found involved in these cases and the action taken against them; and

(d) what steps are being taken to put an end to this illegal malpractice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) A Statement showing the details received from the State Government is enclosed (*See* below).

(d) Sale and purchase of human organs is already banned under the provisions of the Transplantation of Human organs Act, 1994. Health is a State subject. The Appropriate Authorities appointed under Section 13 of the said Act by the Central and the State Governments, are empowered to investigate any complaints of breach of provisions the Act including those pertaining to sale and purchase of human organs. This Act already contains stringent provisions for punishing removal of human organs without authority and for commercial dealings in human organs.

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